

## **Minutes of NAACSOS Membership Meeting June 28, 2004**

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m. by President Kathleen Carley.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

**Membership:** Kathleen reported that the Association has about 30 members, counting some who just joined. According to the agreement with Kluwer, we need 100 to get the CMOT Journal included as a membership benefit for \$50 per year; we had previously decided not to collect dues for another year until that threshold is reached, as the dues level was set with the expectation that the journal would be included. The Association's non-subscription expenses per are about \$50 per year.

**Finances:** Treasurer Doug Samuelson reported that he has not been able to get the checking account balance. Kathleen reported that she estimated we have about \$1500 in the checking account, and about \$40,000 total. (This is prior to paying much of the cost of this year's conference.) The only money owed, other than the conference expenses, is a modest repayment to Victor Lofgreen for the expenses of incorporation. He has agreed to wait until the association's finances are stable.

Kathleen reported that the conference lost money badly last year, around \$15,000, and is losing a little this time.

**Journal:** Kathleen reported that Kluwer is balking at changing the name of the journal as the association has requested; they want to add a subtitle instead. There is a new editor and a revamped editorial board, with a broader social network and complexity background.

**Voting:** We can now vote on-line, through the new Web page. CMU has taken over administering the page.

**Officers:** David Sallach, who has been Vice-President / President-Elect for the past year, becomes President at this meeting. The other offices (Victor Lofgreen, Secretary, and Doug Samuelson, Treasurer) continue into the second year of their two-year terms. We need to nominate a new Vice-President / President-Elect.

### **CONFERENCE:**

The conference lost about \$15,000 last year. The downtown location was about \$12,000 more expensive than CMU, and it was difficult to use dorms for the students, adding substantially to their cost to attend. The NSF IGERT grant has expired, so the conference does not need to remain at CMU. Also, the Conference does not need to be co-hosted with the Summer Institute anymore. Alternative sites are welcome.

In discussion, Washington, DC (most likely at George Mason University), the Florida Institute for Human and Machine Cognition (in Pensacola), and Notre Dame University emerged as possible sites for 2006; Notre Dame might be feasible for 2005. **ACTION:** Greg Madey will check with the University and will coordinate with Kathleen to figure out the sites for 2005 and 2006.

**ACTION:** Mike Prietula and Doug Samuelson will co-chair soliciting papers for the 2005 conference.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

We agreed to consider offering an Institutional Membership category. **ACTION:** Doug Samuelson will investigate several what other societies do (what does it cost, what do the Institutional Members get) and report to David and Kathleen; then this trio will report to the membership.

We also agreed to consider a life membership category, priced perhaps around \$500. We agreed that we need to look more at this, especially with regard to longer-term financial impacts. No one took on this action.

We discussed closer collaboration with other societies, especially ESSA. Suggestions were to exchange members of the scientific program committees and invite featured speakers from each other's societies to our meetings. We agreed to explore these and other avenues of cooperation.

**ACTION:** Wander Jager from ESSA will work with the NAACSOS web person on cross-linking ESSA and NAACSOS.

A question arose regarding differences between the societies in refereeing abstracts. Further discussion indicated that both are pretty loose, mostly for whether the presentation seems out of scope. Several discussants pointed out that excessive requirements tend to discourage submissions of the most current work and submissions by graduate students.

Dave Sallach was formally installed as President. Corinne Coen was nominated as Vice-President / President-Elect and requested a few days to think about whether to accept. Other nominations may be submitted for on-line voting.

The group expressed its thanks and appreciation to Kathleen for her service as the Association's founding President and her many other services to the association and the profession.

The meeting adjourned at 1:55.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Samuelson  
Treasurer